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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of applicant(s), hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to and including January 18, 2007, to file a response to the Office Action of September 18, 2006, which carried an original response date of December 18, 2006.

The fee of \$120.00 for the one-month extension should be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. Any additional fee which may be due or any other charges in connection with the submission of this response should also be charged to the Deposit Account.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.